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TAGS: ASEC, PORS, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH SOLDIER FIRES AT CONSULATE GENERAL

REF: BELFAST 162

1. THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE WROTE THE CONGEN AUGUST 22 OF ITS REGRET AT THE SHOOTING INCIDENT, AND THE WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO CONSIDER ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES. A REPORT OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATION WAS ENCLOSED, WHICH ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMS THE FACTS STATED IN REFTEL. THE CONGEN IS REPLYING APPROPRIATELY. IT WILL NOTE THAT A RUG PUT DOWN BY THE CONGEN MAY BE RUINED BEYOND REPAIR, AND RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM REPLACEMENT SHOULD THAT PROVE TO BE THE CASE. COPIES POUCHED TO EUR/NE AND INFO ADDRESSES.

2. FROM THE LETTER AND REPORT, AND ORAL COMMENTS MADE TO US BY SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE SHOOTING WAS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT BY A DISGRUNTLED SOLDIER TIRED OF ARMY LIFE, AND THAT IT REPRESENTS NO FURTHER THREAT.

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